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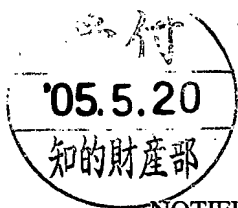
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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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a. ☐ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:

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4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

☒ Box No. I Basis of the report

☐ Box No. II Priority

☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☒ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

PCT/JP2003/008643

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ The international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims

1-3

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

1-3

YES

Claims

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims

1-3

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: US, 5189936, A (Gerber Garment Technology, Inc.), 2 May, 1993 (02.05.93)

Document 2: US, 5358226, A1 (Shima Seiki Mfg., Ltd.), 25 October, 1994 (25.10.94)

Claims 1-3

Documents 1 and 2 neither describe nor suggest a brush mounting structure for an automatic cutting machine, in which (1) brushes for a cutting support face have projections in plural rows on the backs of their base portions, (2) the said projections are engaged with a brush mount in such a manner that they can be disengaged and moved, (3) locking projections having engaging faces more secure in hooking degree than the engaging faces of the projections provided in the rows of the rear side, as locking faces, are formed in the rows of the front side, and (4) locking ribs having locking faces more secure in hooking degree than the engaging faces of engaging ribs are formed opposite to the locking faces of the locking projections of the said brushes.

So, the subject matters of claims 1-3 of the present application appear to be novel and to involve an inventive step.

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Claim 1 describes "a load in a specific direction perpendicular to the movable direction on the said brush mount," but the specific perpendicular direction can be either of two directions. So, the direction referred to is not clear.